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COUNTRY: Indochina/Burma/Indonesia/Thailand

SUBJECT: Comments of Businessmen on Far East Communist Activities

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1. It is difficult to obtain opinions from business men in the Far Eastern countries concerning the political situation of their particular countries. They reason that if a nation like France will not go all out in defense of one of their own dependencies (Indochina), what chance would they have to ask for outside help in the event the Chinese Soviets decided to take over their small countries. Business men hate the Soviets for what they stand but, no matter which way things go, they are caught in between.
2. There is a growing feeling that the next move on the part of the Chinese Soviets will be to take over Burma. This small nation is already 50% Communistic, therefore, the so-called conquest of Burma would be a simple matter. Enclosed is a newspaper clipping from Rangoon, commenting on the new activities of the Chinese Reds and the receptive mood of the Burmese towards such actions. Next on the agenda would be the infiltration of Thailand with the idea of eventually taking it over.

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[On file in CIA Library is a newspaper clipping from a Rangoon newspaper dated August 12 1954 titled "Small Group of Red Chinese Troops Crosses into Burma on 'Goodwill Visit' to help Kachin Villagers near Border"]

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